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Special Prayer Day

for the

Church of God General Assembly,

September 22

We sincerely ask all who will join us in fasting and praying on this day that God will be with us in a special way, that He will be with us and grant us the most wonderful Assembly in the history of the Church thus far.

The management is anticipating the greatest Assembly of all times. We certainly wish that it were possible for all the members of the Church everywhere to attend this meeting. However, we know that this is impossible, yet you can join us in special prayer for this great and wonderful occasion. May God bless every one of you in your last-minute arrangements for attending this Assembly, and I trust that many of you will be privileged to attend this time.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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"And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter," Acts 15:6.

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NOTES From My LETTERS

***** J. H. WALKER, General Overseer *****

Brother A. O. Stewart of Cascilla, Mississippi, writes, "This is the church that Brother Haynes and Brother Lemons set in order some thirty years ago. We came here four weeks ago and started the revival. We are now going into the fifth week today, with fifty-one saved, forty-one sanctified, seventeen filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and twenty-seven united with the Church, and no doubt many more to come."

May the Lord continue to bless you, Brother Stewart, in your work there.

"We have a new church in New Castle, Indiana. They bought the church and a six-room parsonage. Paxton church has bought a parsonage this year, and Evansville church has bought their church building this year. Bright, Indiana, built their parsonage this year. Coalmont has a \$200.00 building fund. Terre Haute has their building fund started. Linton has bought their church building this year.—R. J. Staats."

Brother Ray T. Hill, of the E. St. Louis district, reports that they received \$100.00 in a district convention offering there, where they have a membership of only 215 members. This is in addition to the \$236.00 which they received for the state mission offering, making them

this year \$336.00 in offerings for missions there.

May God bless you brethren there. Also, they paid \$600.00 for their church, August 27.

SPECIAL NOTICE

"The Assembly requires all ministers who come to the Assembly to remain until it closes.

"In case they leave without reasons, their standing with the Assembly will not be good.

"The General Overseer is requested to make announcement in the Evangel to this effect some time prior to the Assembly."—15th Assembly, page 68.

A Sincere Appeal to All the Churches

Remember your pastor should attend the General Assembly. He is eager to attend, but many, because of lack of finance, will be unable to come unless you help them.

May we suggest that each church make a special offering to your pastor to make it possible for him to attend this General Assembly. May God bless you.—Yours in His service, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. M. Livingston, Rt. 1, Box 44, Poplar Grove, Ark.

The healing of my wife of stomach trouble; me to get back to the Lord.—Hugh Clevenger, Rhodhiss, N. C.

My sister to be healed of lung trouble, she has had two bad hemorrhages. She wants to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. God to give her strength and voice to pray. Her address is Mrs. Artie Boatman, c/o H. J. Boatman, Chickamauga, Ga.—Zyepher Davis, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

Our revival here. We will appreciate your help in this revival.—Bethel Maynard, Baxter, Tenn.

My daughter to be healed of diabetes and God to save her soul; a lump on my breast to be healed.—Mrs. W. E. Webber, Rt. 4, Box 122, Lyons, Ga.

My father's broken leg to be healed; my husband and me to be saved.—Mrs. Lenard Talley, Rock Hill, S. C.

Me to be healed of a serious illness; my lost loved ones to be saved.—Miss Rhoda Talley, Rock Hill, S. C.

Our revival here; God to supply our needs financially.—Mrs. C. W. Cole, Chokoloskee Island, Fla.

Unspoken request for Bell Harrison, Myrtle Bates, and Florence Parks, Marion, Va.

Me to be faithful; my loved ones to be saved; a revival to be held here at this place.—Miss Esther Wilburn, Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Two very special unspoken requests for a friend.—A friend, Lansing, Mich.

The complete healing of my body; a sister to be healed of an ulcer; Brother James Sanders in his work.—Mrs. Rosa Mae Eller, Titus, Ga.

Three unspoken requests. Fast if led.—Mrs. H. S. Bristow, Rt. 3, Box 133, Birmingham, Ala.

Me to be completely healed of nervousness and other ailments; a friend, Mrs. Gertrude Deaney, Rt. 2, Swainsboro, Ga., to be healed and saved; my husband and other loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. K. J. Jernigan, Clinton, N. C.

Me to be healed of lockjaw, I have had it for almost a year.—Allene Sizemore, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

The Lord to heal my baby's broken leg; us to be strengthened in the Lord; a sister-in-law to get stronger in the Lord.—Mrs. W. C. Shockley, Rt. 6, Box 72A, Roanoke, Va.

My sister who is very ill to be healed; her unsaved husband and children to be saved.—Rev. P. R. Walker, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

Me to be healed of arthritis rheumatism. I can't walk a step.—Ruth Shaw, Oakman, Ala.

The healing of my body, the doctors say I must have an operation.—Lilly Har-

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

Our revival. God to send us more help. We don't have a church but God will supply our every need. My neighbors and loved ones to be saved.—A sister, Holt, Ala.

Revival at Jones Chapel.—Lovell Harper, Rt. 2, Bowdon, Ga.

My wrecked home; God to remove the hindrance and that it may become a home of prayer; me to be encouraged and have more faith; the healing of my heart; my loved ones to see the light on holiness.—Mary Haley, Cambria, Va.

Two unspoken requests.—A sister in Christ, Kennesaw, Ga.

A very dear friend to be saved; my loved ones.—Aaron Cole, Wapato, Wash.

My little girl to be healed of chills and fever.—Mrs. Ira Lee, Rt. 1, Box 90, Donalsonville, Ga.

Me to be healed; my children and husband to be healed; my husband to be saved and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Lanah Mae Amason, Rt. 1, Box 130, Magee, Miss.

The healing of my body; my boy's foot and eyes to be healed; another son to be healed of tonsil trouble; the church here.—Mrs. Edmond Breckenridge, Sweet Water, Ala.

The healing of my body; my eyes, my daughter, Mrs. Vergia Scheweigret, Glasgow, Mont. She is saved. If there are any saints living close to her, please get acquainted with her. My husband to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my son and daughter who are in sin.—Renee Tipton, Twila, Ky.

The healing of my body; our church at Rouggle, Mo.; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Ruby Kellogg, Valles Mines, Mo.

Parable of a Holiness Man

A. B. DIXON

HE had been a pretty good fellow. He had never been a drunkard, a gambler, an adulterer or fornicator; had never used profanity or tobacco—and so far as that goes, he had no bad habits. In fact, he went to church and Sunday School, when it was convenient. Yet he was dissatisfied with his life. He did not feel that he was wholly given to the Lord; or that his life would bear inspection under the Bible; or the approval of God. There was something in his life that held him back from an absolute surrender to the will of God. The minister told him that it was only the enemy talking to him,—that he was perfectly all right; but that didn't satisfy him, and he decided to do something about it.

Finding a quiet place, where he knew he would disturb no one, he prayed earnestly that the Lord would give him that sacred relationship that he thought every child of God should have; and take out of his life the thing that overcame him and caused him to sometimes go against what he thought would be the exact will of the Lord.

It was rather hard to pray at first. There seemed a terrible darkness to settle down over him, it was hard to concentrate his mind on the object of his prayer. His prayer seemed to be hollow and insincere; the devil seemed to mock and taunt him. There was a spirit that seemed to strive to make him fear the scorn and derision that he knew would come if he lived as his conscience and the Bible dictated. In conflict with those spirits was that overwhelming, consuming desire to be satisfied with his relationship to God. He believed that he should have it, that it was God's plan for man and His will for him. He cried out in the anguish of his soul, and God, "Who helpeth all our infirmities," helped him.

In his earnestness he did not realize that he was crying to the top of his voice, that great tears were rolling down his cheeks, that his arms were uplifted in supplication. If we could say that he thought at all, it was only that he wanted freedom, and God was the only source.

Suddenly he knew that, almost without realizing it, he had made up his mind that amidst all the mockings and scoffings and scorns, amid all the trials, the heartaches, the losses, he would cling to God and God alone; and, in that same thought, he told the Lord so. Such peace as came stealing over him. Such ecstatic joy as flooded his being! Such a desire to shout the high praises of God until all the world might hear!!! In that moment of ecstasy, and from the very bottom of

his soul, he cried out, "Oh take from me everything that is unlike thee, and fill me with thy Spirit! I give up all; I yield my all; I surrender my life to Thee. Use me for whatever thou wilt; I am thine and thine alone!

It would seem that one could not contain more joy; but now, it seemed that floods of joy and streams of praise were pouring forth from within him. And hark! Lo, the angels are singing. The streams of praise break forth into a torrent of language that he does not understand or wish to control.

He is a new man. "Old things have passed away. Behold all things become new." He has a new nature, new thoughts, new words, a new outlook on life, a new attitude toward those about him. The Lord has put a new song in his mouth. He has a new view of the Bible. The sky is brighter, the birds sing sweeter, the flowers are more beautiful.

He made new plans for this new life, and as he planned he said: "I will work harder that I may have more to give to others (the Lord has done so much for me, I want to do more for Him)." So, he increased his efforts to please those for whom he worked. He said, "I will study to better prepare myself for the work that the Lord has given me. Even though He has not called me to the ministry, I want to be at my best where He has placed me." And so he began to study in his leisure hours.

He said, "I am the Lord's, and all with which He blesses me is His, therefore I will give Him 'His part.'" So, whatever his financial straits he always paid God His tithes.

He said, "I will help to build a church, in which I will not be embarrassed to worship and invite my friends. I will help to support and direct that church, so I will not be embarrassed to own it. I will help to spread the news of this good blessing which I have received, by giving a portion of my income to missions. I will help to support the widows, orphans, and those in less fortunate circumstances than I, that I may have pure and undefiled religion. I will help to take care of the ministers who have carried the gospel until physical disabilities prevent them, and the evangelist that he may continue it." And all these things he did.

He planned all his work so it would not conflict with his prayer life (he has family worship, morning, noon and night), and he planned so that nothing would hinder him from attending the local church services. He read in the Bible where the Lord said, "Thou shalt have

no other gods before me," and he planned his life to revolve around God as the center. He not only took part in, but when he saw the necessity he took the leader-

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Question Box

Question: Is it possible to completely fall from grace? If you are once born of God are you not always a child of God? Please give Bible reference.—Mrs. W. F.

Answer: Any question which has to do with man's eternal welfare should be answered only with Bible references and we are glad to furnish such references. We do not deem that it is necessary, in answering this question, to give more than three. These three are individual witnesses from the Word of God whose testimonies are unimpeachable. They are: First, the Apostle Paul, who says in Gal. 5:4, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." As the second witness, Jesus says, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away," John 15:2. As a third witness, Exod. 32:33, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Now if Paul declared that those who are justified by the law are fallen from grace; if Jesus declared that the branch which bears not fruit He will take away, and if God manifestly declared that He will blot the sinner out of His book, what further argument is there for eternal security?

Question: Please explain Gal. 4:22-24.—P. W. H.

Answer: The scripture referred to is as follows: "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar." In this scripture the Apostle Paul is merely taking the two sons of Abraham—Isaac who was the son of Abraham's wife, Sarah, and Ishmael who was the son of a bondwoman or a slave—to represent the two covenants. There seems, however, to be a reversal in that the son of Hagar is likened to the law, while Isaac is likened to the covenant of grace. Paul did not wish to make a doctrine here but as all allegories, parables, or illustrations are only given to clarify a truth, Paul used these comparisons to clarify the superiority of the covenant of grace over that of the law.

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A Pastor's Study

The growth of the Church of God, as marked by the many new church buildings that have been built this year, and the descriptions showing them to be much larger than buildings heretofore reported, and more elaborate in their furnishings and general architecture so as to afford a more efficient carrying-on of the work, is indeed gratifying to all of those who are interested in the progress of the Church. One of the outstanding things in the description of new churches is that more of them have a pastor's study. Some of the churches are providing these in their church edifices and others in the parsonages, while some of them have a pastor's study in both buildings. Perhaps there is no more necessary feature for any church than that it have a pastor's study either in the parsonage or in the church building, or both.

After pastor's studies have been built the next important step is to fill them with good books so that the pastor will have at his fingertips a reference work to look up anything that it is necessary for him to know in order to enable him to efficiently carry on his work and to preach intelligent, intellectual sermons filled with the Spirit of God.

A third necessity is that the pastor will spend a reasonable amount of time in his study so as to be able to prove himself when he gets in the pulpit on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings. To say the least of it, there is a wonderful sign of great improvement continually so that our preachers will not be like one man who described his pastor as being absent all the week and obscure on Sunday. The true minister of the gospel has a great message to deliver and must be thoroughly equipped to do it.

Safety In Counsel

The counsellors to the General Overseer, commonly known as the Twelve, are now in Cleveland, meeting regularly in the council chamber of the Evangel office. They are greatly interested in the promo-

tion of the work of the Church and are working tirelessly that they may be able to present ways and means to the Bishops' Council which is meeting just before the General Assembly, to help promote the great work of the Church.

The wise man said in Prov. 11:14, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

The beauty of the Church of God is and has been in its ability to counsel, and to us there is no more beautiful picture than that which can be drawn of twelve men gathering together with the General Overseer to talk over matters pertaining to the general welfare of the organization and make plans for its progress, then take them to the hundreds of bishops in session, who shall not only have the privilege of discussing those things which are placed before them, but also to bring other things to the attention of that working body of ordained ministers, that they may be able in loving counsel and fellowship to work out that which will be of the greatest interest in the maintenance and further progress of the organization which we love so well. Such councils are a continued slap in the face of totalitarianism on the one hand, and communism on the other, bringing us into that happy medium with hearts open to the dictation of God and His Word alone, that we may be able to study it and let it be the staff on which we may lean, the compass by which we may be guided, and the shadow in which we can have rest.

Good Reports

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." A good man makes a good reputation and a good reputation is made by good reports. It will not be very long before ministers from the east, west, north, and south will be gathering in to the city of Chattanooga, representing states, districts, and churches, with reports of what they have done during the year, and of the accomplishments of their district or field of labor in which they have been working. Names that they have won for themselves, for their churches, or for their state will be greatly gratifying if their labors have been such that a successful report has already gone out before them. The good report will depend largely on the energy that the ministry has put into their work and the name that they have won for themselves will largely reflect what they have done since the

BEASTLY ACTS

The Associated Press carried an article September 10 to the effect that Italians bombed Tel Aviv, a peaceful Jewish city in Palestine. One hundred and fifty persons were killed. This beautiful city is situated on the Mediterranean seacoast and in 1927 was only a suburb of Jaffa. It has grown to more than three thousand in population, all of which are Jews. The majority of these are from the European countries from whence they have been driven.

We do not accept the theory that Mussolini is the antichrist but it goes without saying that the bombing of this beautiful, pacific, and defenseless city is a beastly act.

RUMANIA REJECTS HOLINESS

A short wave broadcast Sept. 10, from Bucharest, Rumania, states that the Rumanian government has put a ban on the "Holy Rollers" holding public services. These are evidently Pentecostal people. The beast hates holiness as bad as he does the Jews.

last Assembly.

There is a story told of a professor who had but newly come to the faculty. All his students called him by his right name and he thought this was all right until one of his colleagues informed him that it was all wrong. "You'll never get anywhere," his colleague advised him, "until the students nickname you. It doesn't matter what nickname, just any old nickname will do. It will show," he said, "that the students like you." The new professor worried along until one day haply he found that he had acquired a nickname. The students were calling him "Sanka." Though he was pleased at having any nickname at all, he was puzzled to know what this peculiar one meant, and he consulted his former advisor. "Don't worry about that," his friend said. "It doesn't make a bit of difference. One is as good as another. It shows the fellows like you,

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Rapture of The Church

Twelve Reasons for the Rapture of the Church at Rev. 4:1 or Before the Tribulation

BY FINIS JENNINGS DAKE

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

1. There is a *marked change in God's attitude* toward humanity in general from that of mercy (Rev. 1-3) to that of judgment. Rev. 6-19. Rev. 4-5 picture the raptured Church and Old Testament saints with God in heaven represented by the twenty-four elders. The seals and first six trumpets (Rev. 6:1-9:21) take the first three and one-half years of Daniel's seventieth week. The seventh trumpet blows in the middle of this week under which the sun-clothed woman flees for 1,260 days and the other events of Rev. 11:15-13:18 are fulfilled. The sixth seal and seven trumpets reveal judgments from heaven in the first three and one-half years as do the seven vials in the last three and one-half years of the week. Romanism and the ten kings of Rev. 17 cause the tribulation of this first three and one-half years while the antichrist causes the great tribulation of the last three and one-half years of the week. The judgments themselves in either part of the week do not cause the tribulation. They are sent because of the tribulation upon God's people.

If the Church is caught up to heaven in the middle of the week, then it goes through the tribulation and judgments of at least three and one-half years and does not escape tribulation. On the other hand, if the church escapes the tribulation, then it escapes "all these things" of the first part as well as the last part of the week. This requires the rapture of the church at Rev. 4:1 before "these things" and at the beginning of the week.

2. If the *natural divisions of the book of Revelation* are to be taken as clearly stated in Rev. 1:19 and 4:1, there can be no other alternative than to believe that the rapture takes place in Rev. 4:1. These natural divisions make the key to the understanding of Revelation. Part one: "the things which thou hast seen," i. e., the vision of Christ in the midst of the candlestick (1:12-18, 20), as seen by John before he was told to write. Part two: "the things which are," i. e., the things concerning the churches from John's day to the rapture of the Church, as recorded in 2:1-3:22. Part three: "the things which shall be hereafter," i. e., the things of chapters 4-22 which shall come to pass after the churches. In Rev. 4:1, after John had written "the things which thou hast seen" and "the things which are" and every thing concerning the

Church was completed, John was asked to go up through the door into heaven to receive "the things which must be hereafter," i. e., after the churches. The greatest mistake of Bible teachers has been mixing the things of chapters 4-22 with the things of chapters 1-3. No true understanding of Revelation can be had as long as this mistake is made. If God told John in 1:19 and 4:1 that the things from Rev. 4:1 on must be after the things of chapter 1-3 then they must be after them. This one fact would eliminate the rapture of the Church as the manchild of Rev. 12 and settle many questions that cannot be answered if the other line of interpretation is followed. The woman and manchild are right in the middle of the things of chapters 4-22, which "must be hereafter" the things of chapters 1-3. If we do not believe this plain, natural and divine division of Revelation, how can we expect to understand the book and harmonize it with other scriptures? On the other hand, if we keep everything of chapters 4-22 as being fulfilled after the churches of chapters 1-3, then everything falls into its natural division and is perfectly clear. This proves the rapture of the Church at Rev. 4:1 before the events of chapters 4-22 begin to be fulfilled.

3. *The word "church" or "churches"* is not mentioned after the last verse of chapter 3 until after the close of the prophecy, which ends in Rev. 22:5. The rest of the book is not prophecy and contains only parting instructions to John. If the Church were on earth during the tribulation of Rev. 4-19, it surely would be mentioned in some clear way, especially since the words "church" and "churches" are used nineteen times in chapters 1-3. Why their continued use in these chapters and not once after them, if the Church is still on the earth after Rev. 4:1?

4. *The enthroned elders are representatives of the raptured saints* and are always seen in heaven in chapters 4-19 after Rev. 4:1. The crowns, white raiment, their distinction from angels throughout, the word "elders," and other identifications of humanity prove them to be redeemed human beings. Such things are never used of angels in the book, only of Christ and redeemed humanity. The angel that shows John the Revelation is one of these elders and a redeemed prophet, as is clear by a study of Rev. 1:1; 5:5-7; 7:13-15; 17:1; 19:10; 21:9; 22:8-9. If one of these elders is redeemed, all of

them must be, and if they are in heaven always after Rev. 4:1, the saints they are representative of must be raptured at Rev. 4:1.

5. There can be *no scripture produced* to show that the Church is on earth during any part of Daniel's seventieth week or during the fulfillment of Revelation after 4:1. On the contrary, Israel is identified in all of Rev. 4-19 for the purpose of fulfilling the seventieth week "concerning thy people (Israel) and thy holy city (Jerusalem), to finish the transgression, and make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy." Dan. 9:24-27. It is during this week that antichrist confirms the seven years' covenant with Israel, not with the Church. Dan. 9:27. Therefore, the rapture must take place before the seventieth week at Rev. 4:1.

6. An individual is recognized and identified by his features and characteristics. A body of individuals is also identified by its peculiarities. So in this case, if the Church is on earth during the fulfillment of Rev. 4-19, we must see its *earmarks*. But such are not to be found. On the other hand, *evidence of Israel is seen everywhere* in Revelation after 4:1, a fact more striking, since Israel is not once mentioned in chapters 1-3. This proves that the two different institutions are dealt with in different parts of the book: the Church until its rapture in chapters 1-3 and Israel after the rapture in chapters 4-19. The Jewish character of the book after chapter 3 is evidenced by about 285 references to Israel and the Old Testament such as the lamb; lion of Judah; offspring of David; 144,000 Jews; seals, trumpets and vials; Daniel's seventieth week; altar and priestly ministry; horns of the altar; the prophets; temple, temple court; holy city; olive trees; ark of the covenant; woman and manchild; Michael; remnant; Armageddon; and scores of other references that are distinctively Jewish and were never mentioned in connection with the Church. Thus, if Israel is identified in these chapters and not the Church, then the Church must be raptured in Rev. 4:1 before these things.

7. There is *no other place in Revelation for the rapture* of the Church and Old Testament saints than in 4:1. The 144,000 Jews and the great multitude of tribulation saints are the only two companies saved after 4:1, and neither of these could be the Church, for the simple reason that the things of chapters 4-22 "*must be hereafter*," i. e., after the churches. The manchild is Jewish as well as the woman and therefore cannot be the Church. The 144,000 Jews are seen on earth in Rev.

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Reports From the Field

Was Happy in the Lord

CANTWELL, Mo.—I am glad for the wonderful camp meeting that was held at Leadwood. I know without a doubt that God was there in the wonderful preaching and the LeFevre trio's singing. My desire is to get closer to the Lord. I once was really happy in the Lord and had a wonderful experience but now I have grown cold in my experience. The enemy is also after us with all of his forces. The Lord miraculously healed me last December while in B. T. S.

I desire your prayers that I will see the way and really be led and directed by our Christ in everything I do. — Leavah Prather, Box 65.

Lord Blessing at Coaldale, Ala.

COALDALE, Ala.—I praise God for victory through the blood of Jesus. I praise Him for what He has done for me. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing at Coaldale. He saved, sanctified and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost last March a year ago and I still enjoy the blessing. That peace and joy that comes with the Holy Ghost is something wonderful.

We have a real man of God for a pastor, Brother Eugene Thomas. He and Sister Thomas have been a blessing to Coaldale church since they came. Brother Thomas has repaired and painted the church and has a parsonage very near completed. We expect the parsonage to be completed by the Assembly. The church

went over the top one hundred per cent on everything. We expect to have Brother Thomas for pastor for another year.

Pray for us that God will keep blessing. I want to live faithfully and humbly at the foot of the cross. All signs point to the Lord's soon coming and I want to be ready when He comes or calls.—Ed Goodwin, clerk, Warrior, Ala.

Feel the Need of a Meeting Here

HILLSBORO, Ga.—Dear saints, as I've been visiting around some and talking with the people, I feel there are many souls here who are really hungry to hear the Holy Ghost preached. Some have asked me to pray for them; others wanted to read the Lighted Pathway and Evangel. It just does me good to talk to them about the Lord. I feel such great need of a meeting started in here. I am begging again for some true Church of God preacher who has a tent or could borrow one, to please come here and run a revival before the weather gets cold. We are poor people but always have something to eat. I can furnish two a comfortable place to stay. I can't promise you any money but you will have something to eat as long as we do. We are only thirty-five miles from Macon, Ga.

I praise God for victory in my soul. I haven't received the Holy Ghost but I know His promises are true. I praise God for His healing power. He has healed me many times. He wonderfully healed my broken ankle a few weeks ago. I praise

Him for saving my son two weeks ago and sanctifying and baptizing Him with the Holy Ghost right here in our home. I thank God for planting a desire in my heart to go all the way with Him.

I love the Evangel and Lighted Pathway. They are food to my soul. My heart goes out to Brother M. E. Downs, a shut-in. May God bless you, brother; take courage. Our sufferings will soon be over. Pray for John Morgan of Candler, N. C., from whom I received a letter.

Saints, pray for me and my home and especially for a revival here.—Mrs. J. E. Williamson, Rt. 2.

Montana-Saskatchewan Briefs

As I have not taken up much space in the Evangel this year, I would like to make a concise report of the work in the "treasure state" and "Saskatchewan Province."

My first revival after the General Assembly was in Consul, Sask., where the Lord gave us two souls, a young man and his girl friend were saved there. From there we went to Missoula, Mont., where the Lord gave us five saved in the revival there.

From Missoula we went home for about two days, then left for Robsart, Sask., where the Lord gave us a good revival at the close of Bible School. Some were saved, some sanctified and some who had lost out were brought back and filled with the Holy Ghost. Our next attempt for a revival was in Lewistown, Mont., where we worked during the day (helping to get the new church ready for the state convention) and preached at nights. This meeting did not amount to much as far as the natural man can see, except

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THE CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LINDEN, FLORIDA, THE REV. J. B. ELLIS, JR., PASTOR





Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

LETTER FROM INDIA

Muvatupuzha, Travancore,
South India, August 2, 1940

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus to all the Evangel family:

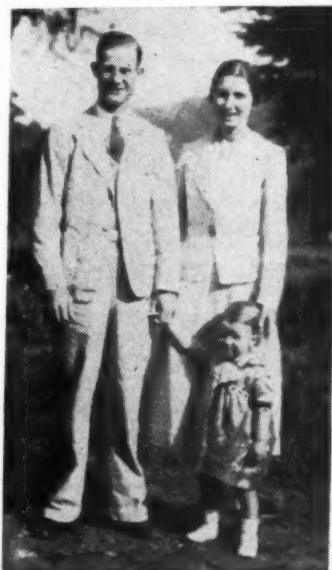
It has been quite a long time since we have written to you, due to the fact that we have been so busy. We trust you are still remembering us in your prayers. It takes much prayer these days to win the victory over the evil one, and truly we feel the effect of your prayers.

I wish to give you a little testimony before I tell you about the work here. As some of you know, I have been having a trial of faith in my health since we first came to India. Some have thought that during our first few days here I contracted amoebic dysentery, which is a very prevalent disease in India. I don't know what it is, but I do know I have suffered tremendously. We wrote home that I was sick and needed prayer, and the loved ones at home began to pray, but for a long time I did not improve, rather became worse. Finally, when wife and I thought I would not pull through, M. I. dred wrote the seriousness of my condition to our parents. We came to India to die for Christ, if it is His will, but if He should have seen fit to call me home then, we did not want our loved ones to be taken by surprise. Saints in various places then began to pray more earnestly; two anointed handkerchiefs were sent to me, and I immediately began to feel the effects of these earnest prayers. I have been recovering ever since then, and now, praise God, I am quite all right. All glory to Him who was smitten for our healing! We want all of you to know we certainly appreciate your prayers and faith in our behalf, far more than words can express. We still need your prayers daily and trust you will not fail to hold us up before the Throne of Grace.

This field is so great, and we need workers so badly to help carry the load. It gets very heavy at times, but God always helps us to come out on the victor's side. There are so many calls to go to the different villages and tell them about "Jesus," the name many of them have never heard. And it seems that we just can't refuse them, although we are very busy in our language study at present and feel that it will play a big part in helping us win these people for Jesus, when we become able to speak it and thus converse

directly with them instead of through an interpreter.

The past two months have been very busy ones for us. This is our *cool* season, because it rains *continuously*. The heavy rains and flooded districts make it very difficult both for us and the natives to reach the places of meeting, but God has blessed us in services every Sunday, besides a number through the week, and quite a bit of visiting and personal work. We are especially exultant over the Lord's blessings in one of the new stations which He gave us last year. There is a genuine revival spirit burning there. Twenty-five have followed the Lord in water baptism



Brother and Sister Hoyle L. Case and the new missionary, Sylvia Sue, born in India.

and some have received the Holy Ghost. Those "babes in Christ" are growing nicely. Many of them have come from Hinduism, and require teaching. As they are taught, they are walking in the light. It would thrill your very soul to see how God works with the heathen when they come to Him, washing away every sin stain of idolatry by the precious blood of Jesus, praise the Lord! No one but those that have labored with such people can understand what it means for the heathen to be converted and made one in Christ. The devil has certainly been trying the

faith of those people, but God is blessing them and leading them on; they are surely "out and out" for Jesus. They have no place to worship; sometimes they meet in one of their huts, some times in the open, sometimes, especially when we go there, they gain permission to have service in the neighborhood Hindu school. They are very poor, but eager to do their best to build a building for worship. We have promised to help them get land and put up a humble church, which means we will have to furnish at least three-fourths of the cost. This we are happy to do, even if it means skimping on our part, for God has laid this particular burden upon us and we are glad to obey, for we know He will supply our needs as He has done repeatedly in the past.

We have been putting forth a special Sunday School drive, trying to get a Sunday School in each station. In the above-mentioned place, they have twenty students (here in India only children go to Sunday School). We ordered some old Sunday School cards from the Publishing House, and are using them to create interest, in which capacity they are very valuable. In another new place where we are trying to establish the Church of God, we asked them to start a Sunday School. The worker replied, with a smile, "There are only my three children to come." We encouraged him to start with such a few and believe God to increase the number. He is a very willing and energetic brother, so the very next Sunday we began, not with three, but with *eight* students, and in the few Sundays since the number has increased to eleven or more. I can hear you say, "Well, if that is all I could get I would not have a class either." We feel this is a good beginning; we do have more in the older and more established stations. But one must start with little and ask God to give the increase. At this place too there is no building; the people worship in this brother's house. The Church of God owns a plot of ground there, but a building has not yet been put up there. We are eager to erect a building there also within the very near future.

A shore time ago, one of the leading members in a new station died, and the worker came after me to help them bury this brother. Of course, we went. He had been sick only ten days with fever (ty-

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to get some work done that had to be done on the building. Well, we had the building ready for the convention.

The Lord met with us throughout the convention and gave us a wonderful time of refreshing, Brother R. P. Johnson being the principal speaker. We certainly did appreciate Brother and Sister Waters and the Burnett sisters and we were highly pleased that Sister Johnson was permitted to be with us. We extend to each one of them an invitation to visit the "treasure state" again. We raised \$150.00 on the new church besides meeting all other expenses and feeding the delegation free. Out-of-town delegates numbered 162. The local church owes only about \$600 on their property, which is worth \$3,000. We want you to know also that the mission cause is near to our hearts and the mission offering was \$70.00.

Next we attended a camp meeting to which we had been invited in Idaho. This was a camp meeting of different Pentecostal people. Brother A. Landin was in charge. He has a work at Wallace where he has been preaching locally and over the air. Brother and Sister Blom are near there and they made quite an impression on Brother Landin with the Church of God doctrine. I know not whether I added anything along that line, but the result was that he turned his work over to the Bloms and told his people to cooperate with the Church of God. Pardon us, Brother Camp, for invading your territory, but we hope that it will work out to the glory of God and the furtherance of the greatest cause on earth.

From Idaho we pitched our gospel tent in Harlowton, Mont., where we were while the Minot camp meeting was on. We certainly regretted that we were not privileged to attend that great feast but there is so much to be done and so few to do it. We organized the church in Harlowton and bought church property. Eleven members were taken into the church, one of these a minister from the Calvary Pentecost who preaches sanctification as a second work of grace. The church property will be worth about \$3,000 and the actual cost to us will be about \$1,000. About this same time Brother Pospisil bought church property in Denton, giving us three properties since the state convention in Montana, and three churches organized in Montana. One new church was organized in Canada but one was disbanded. We organized a church in Belgrade in May, after the convention. We hope to be able to obtain the church property in Belgrade but so far have not been able to deal.

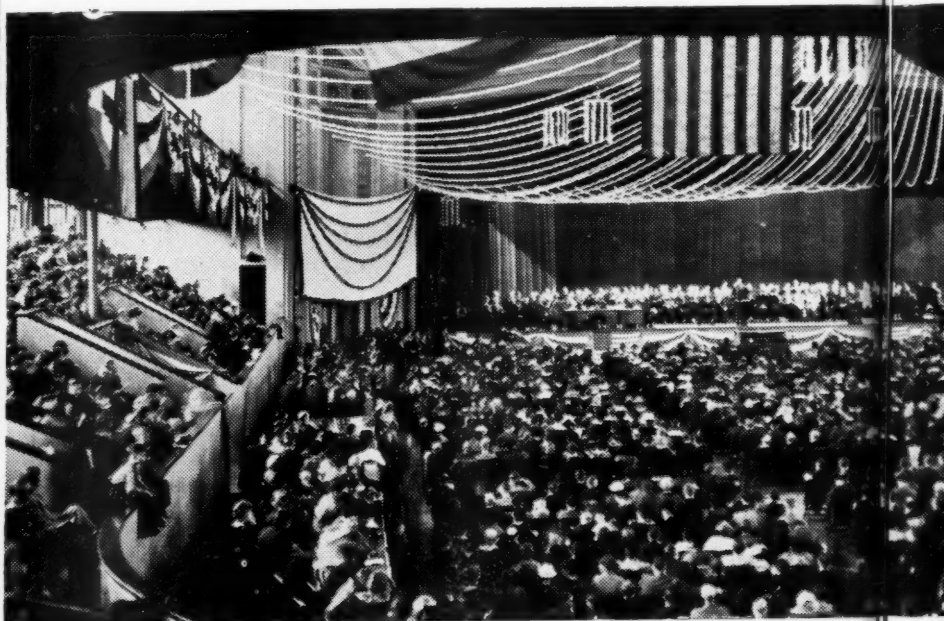
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From Harlowton we went to Saskatchewan for the provincial convention.

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SPECIAL PRAYER DAY FOR THE 35th ANNUAL MEETING

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While we were not favored with any of our general officials (which we hope to have next time) we had a very good convention, the mission offering being \$50.00, which was remarkable since the

members of the two leading churches harvested no crops because of the grasshopper pestilence.

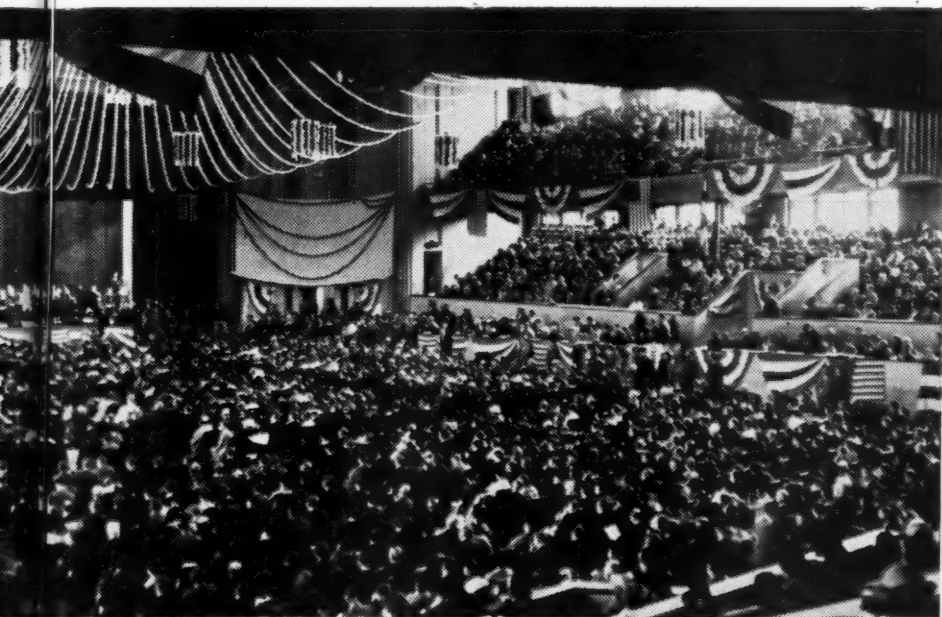
From the convention we went to Herbert, Sask., for a revival, where eight or

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nine prayed through to definite experiences. There was plenty of opposition in this meeting. Now for the last revival this Assembly year we have the tent in Maple Creek where our new church is,

having a pull to get folks to come to the services. We need your prayers that God will visit this town. Also pray for God to send or supply us with workers. We have need of two pastors for the coming year

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but they will have to come to us well recommended.—Yours for lost souls, M. L. Lowe, overseer, Bigtimber, Montana.

The Lord has been so good to us. He has healed us many times. Last year my husband had a tumor on his head. Brothers R. P. Johnson and Burroughs prayed for him and the Lord healed him.

We just closed a revival with Brother and Sister Pearson and Sister Hildmon in charge. There were fifteen saved, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Brother Pearson did some good preaching. We have a good church and pastor. We love Brother and Sister Reed.—Mrs. J. W. Osborn, Rt. 1, Talladega, Ala.

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phoid they thought). When I reached the place, I found they had made no arrangements for the funeral. When I asked the reason, they said they had no cemetery, and the nominal churches of that community would not permit them to bury in their cemeteries. So the first problem was to get a place to bury him. Finally, after consulting with the neighbors and all concerned, it was agreed to bury him near his own house, in his yard, so as to speak, the property not being his, but government-owned. As this is the rainy season, the rain was just pouring. The natives located a spot and began to dig the grave. I have never witnessed anything like it. They dug a hole about one foot wide and just as long as the corpse. After a short funeral service, his body was placed in the grave with nothing but a mat under him and a cloth, which did not even cover all his body, over him. They asked me to drop the first handful of soil on his body then, according to their custom, they all followed likewise. As I beheld, I thought, "How crude" and it was hard to bear, in comparing how nicely the people in America are put away. I'm so glad the grave is not our eternal abode. I then inquired as to the welfare of the family and found he left a wife and six children, the oldest one thirteen years of age, with not a cent, no means of support, not a bite of food in the house, and I was unable to learn when they had last had food! Of course, the Spirit would not let me depart until I made some provision for them some food. We have several other widows also in our fellowship, which, as in the apostolic days of the Church, must be cared for.

The spiritual and temporal need of these people is great. They are your brothers and sisters. Are you your brother's keeper?

We covet a daily interest in your prayers, both for ourselves and these dear people.—Yours in Calvary's bonds, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle L. Case.

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The daily press for September 5, 1940, proclaimed with banner headlines that DICTATORSHIP IS PROCLAIMED FOR RUMANIA. I quote one paragraph of an article of that date: "King Carol of Rumania bowed today before iron-willed General Ion Antonescu, the man he chose to restore order in Rumania and relinquished the bulk of power by giving the General supreme authority to rule his shrunken kingdom." Constitutional government is rapidly going by the boards the world over. Of course, those people never really enjoyed democracy in the sense that we know it here but such liberties as they ever had are now drastically curtailed. LET THE CHURCH OF GOD BE BOLD IN MARKING IN PLAIN TERMS THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST THAT HONEST-HEARTED MEN CAN AND WILL RALLY TO OUR BANNER AND STANDARD.

In an article in LIBERTY magazine, issue of Sept. 14, the Honorable Phelps, a senator of the state of New York, openly advocates a national lottery or gambling setup to meet the current expenses of the Red Cross and other charitable agencies. I quote from his article: "Times being what they are, I believe that the best way for the American Red Cross to raise funds in a sufficient volume is by the holding of a nation-wide lottery. I am striving to enact legislation in Albany so that the road may be opened for the holding of a state lottery. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO GAMBLE AND IT IS COMPUTED BY A RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT SIX BILLIONS OF DOLLARS CHANGE HANDS IN GAMBLING EACH AND EVERY YEAR." The eminent Senator is striving to legalize the operation of a huge national or state gambling machine. Many of our states are now in the liquor business. Some are openly in the horse-racing gambling business. God help us to strive for cleanliness in government rather than to urge a further downward trend.

Gene Tunney, former world's heavyweight boxing champion of the world, in an article in a recent LIBERTY magazine, wrote of a visit to Soviet Russia: "I visited a smelting plant outside Moscow.

In the yard was an immense pile of metals, nearly all taken from churches. There were bells, candelabra, trimmings of icons, crucifixes. The pile was fifty or sixty feet in height. I stood gazing and on top I noticed an object that looked like a man lying down, sleeping. I asked the Russian foreman about it. 'Oh, that?' he laughed. He ran up to the top of the pile. There he kicked the prone figure, shoved it violently with his boot. It rolled down the pile of metal and fell almost at my feet. It was a beautifully modeled life-size Christ in bronze. The foreman came back. He said, 'The churches took money from the people to buy these things. We are now taking these things back from the churches.' 'What do you make of this metal?' I asked. 'Shells and bullets,' he replied." YET A REGIME AND GOVERNMENT OF THAT SORT HAS INNUMERABLE FOLLOWERS IN CHRISTIAN AMERICA.

Each day's newspapers carry the same story. The day's bombings of London by the Germans were more intense and more devastating than they were the day before. As I write this (Sept. 9) the Germans announce the use of a "super-bomb." This bomb, it is alleged, can and will destroy everything within a radius of 500 yds. All life within 1600 feet is instantly crushed. The concussion is so great that huge planes are tossed about like corks. A news commentator reported Sunday, Sept. 8, that bombs, high explosive in character, were falling all over London like raindrops in a storm. Newer and more deadly inventions are the order of the day. How can a nation withstand such terrible onslaughts of a conscienceless war machine? DISTRESS OF NATIONS! WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS!

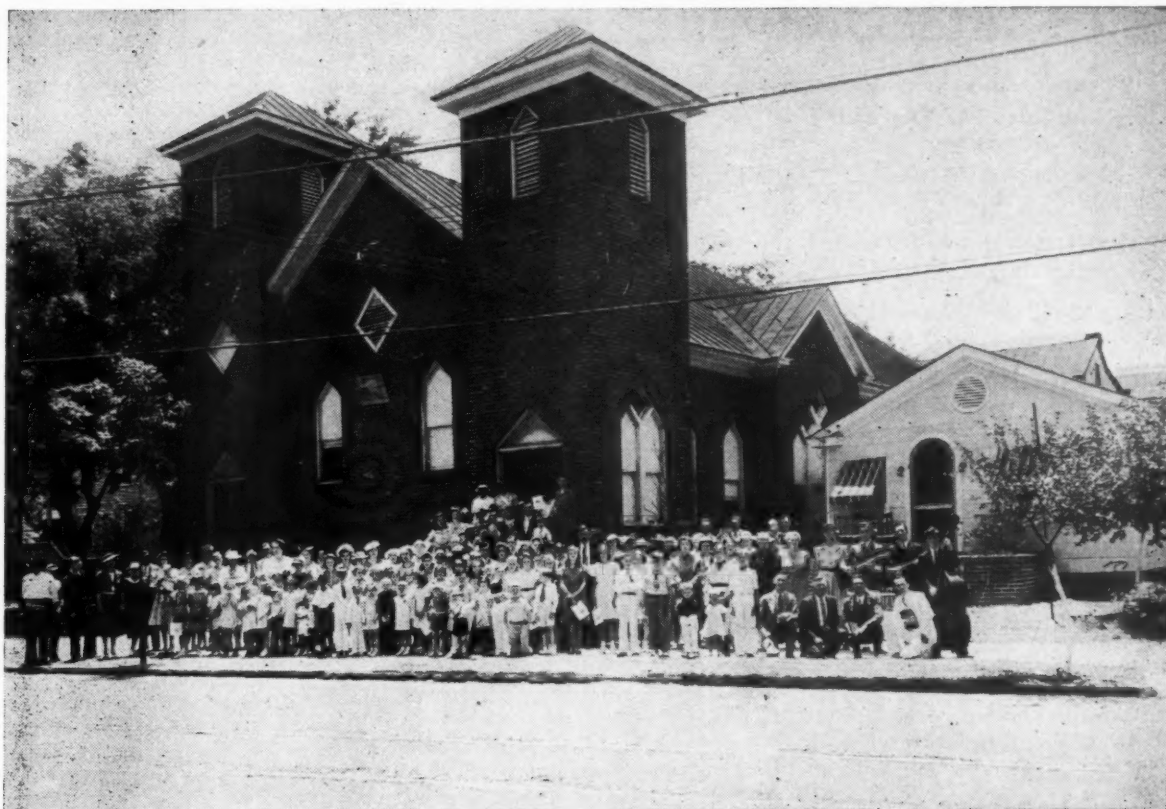
One year ago Poland was free and independent. One year ago Finland was a happy, contented nation. One year ago the fishermen of Norway were pursuing the peaceful tenor of their ways. One year ago the herdsmen of Denmark were going about their daily tasks. One year ago Belgium was just a bit nervous at the warlike gestures of her neighbor. One year ago peaceful Holland was living at peace with the world. Oh, so much has happened in the last twelve months. THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING WITH

SUCH TERRIFYING SUDDENNESS. NATIONS HAVE CRUMBLLED! THRONES AND RULERS HAVE ABDICATED! PEOPLES BY THE MILLION HAVE CEASED BEING FREE MEN AND BECOME SLAVES AND SERFS. SUDDENLY! SUDDENLY! "We shall be CHANGED IN A MOMENT. IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE." "In such an HOUR AS YE THINK NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH!"

The press of Sunday, Sept. 8, carried the following article: "Unless the Soviet Union should change its policy and offer haven to Rumania's 750,000 Jews, they face NOT LESS THAN PHYSICAL EXTERMINATION. These Jews, 4 per cent of the country's present population, have only misery in store for them in a continental Europe which has become almost entirely anti-Jewish. Overseas connections are cut off. No haven is in sight for them." THE PLIGHT OF WORLD JEWRY TODAY IS THE MOST PITIABLE SPECTACLE IN THE WORLD. MAY GOD IN HIS GOODNESS SPEED THE DAY WHEN THEY WILL CRY OUT FROM THEIR HEARTS "BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

TIME for Sept. 9, gives a gloomy picture of the missionary status of the East. In Japan, the government has moved to gain control and direct the policy of all Christian movements. The Salvation Army has already felt the effect. The officers of that body were sent home, the leaders became Japanese and all relations with headquarters were abruptly halted. The government directs that all the sects and denominations converge into one body to be known as the "Genuine Japan Christian Church." Not only in Japan but elsewhere are various church bodies finding governmental obstacles in their way. BRETHREN, THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST IS OPPOSED TO THE RELIGION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. HE IS OPPOSED, MORE ESPECIALLY, TO THE HOLY GHOST AS A LIVING FORCE IN THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN. WHAT WE DO FOR MISSIONS AND LOST SOULS MUST BE DONE NOW!

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CHARLESTON, S. C., LOCATED AT KING AND SUMTER STREETS



Three Years in Charleston, S. C.

By PORTER M. WHITE, *Pastor*

In 1937, at the General Assembly of the Church of God I was appointed by Rev. R. P. Johnson to serve as pastor here. On my arrival here I found a few loyal people standing for the Bible and its teachings, worshipping in their beautiful little church on Tracy Street. At my first Sunday School gathering there were only fifty-nine present. This building soon became too small. We began looking for room to take care of our congregation.

In January, 1938, we sold our property on Tracy Street and purchased property on the corner of King and Sumter Streets. Church building in dimensions, 46x90 feet; seating capacity, seven hundred; outside finish, brick veneer; inside walls made of sheet rock and longleaf pine ceiling, finished in natural. The two lots and building cost us \$5,000.00. On May 24, 1940, we completed parsonage sited on lot next to the church, designed and constructed of the latest style in building, framed of longleaf pine and stormed sheeted with same; asbestos siding, metal roof, ceiling and floors all of hardwood; made into five rooms, pastor's study, bath, large back screened porch and front brick terrace; electrically equipped, electric range and water heater donated by the L. W. W. B. The church and parson-

age are now valued at \$17,000. Our property is located almost in the heart of the city. In the past three years the membership has doubled itself; the Sunday School has gained three to one, the Y. P. E. is making great progress.

Speaking for the church here in general, we have experienced some of the most unquestionable battles that any church may undergo. We did not always have a flowing tide; we have had ebb tide as well.

In 1938 two tornados struck the city at once, damaging almost every church in the city, and other property as well, demolishing one new brick church two blocks from our church. In August, 1939, a large plant exploded, the blast causing a number of windows over the city to come tumbling out. Fire leaped hundreds of feet in the air. It looked as if we would be submerged in the flames; the people thought their time had come to give account to their Maker. On August 11, 1940, we were visited by a hurricane, damage estimated over \$5,000 to coastal South Carolina. House tops went sailing through the air, some of the houses blown out to sea, trees uprooted. It brought a tidal wave which did more damage than the wind. It floated large boats away inland, broke them up against the buildings. My thoughts went back to the

twisting wind of the tornados and the blazing fire of the explosion. We lived through wind and fire, but what about this water. As I stood in the Main Street and saw those angry waves come surging around buildings, my thoughts grew dim. The only difference between Lot and me at that time, Lot received orders to leave Sodom, he wouldn't go. The angels had to take him out. All I needed was orders to leave town, I would have gotten out immediately. Through all these tragedies not even one of our members was hurt, nor our property damaged. The Lord is with us, our Leader, our Deliverer, our Coming King. We thank Him, we praise Him forever. Amen.

Saints Encouraged in Revival

HICKORY FLAT, Miss.—Our pastor held a two weeks' revival at Hickory Flat, Miss. He had large crowds and quite a few seekers in the altar. There were seven saved and one sanctified. The few saints were encouraged. Pray very much for those people; he is to go back each third Sunday to preach for them. He is a real man of God and stands foursquare for the Church of God. Every sermon was under the anointing power. Pray for Brother Jones and family. Pray for me and mine.—Mrs. Van McCullough, 679 Tate Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

State Conventions

Maryland Camp Meeting and Convention

Another great camp meeting and convention has gone down in history for the state of Maryland. Yes, gone but not forgotten. Waves and waves of glory, and showers upon showers of blessings could be felt throughout the meeting. The sweetest weeping spirit prevailed and it seemed that every minister was at his best. People said it was the best that Maryland has ever had. I believe it was because the ministry and laity seem to be banded together in sweet unity and love. Eager faces shone as they listened to the special singing and the good messages that came forth.

We were delighted to have so many visiting ministers, some from Tennessee, Michigan and Pennsylvania: Brother Kerce, overseer of Michigan, also Brothers Carl Milligan and Raymond Crowley; Brother Paul H. Walker, overseer of Pennsylvania, also Brothers H. C. Stoppe, C. H. Shaw, Brady Dennis, Wm. Morris, J. A. Muncy and Wm. Dych; Brothers F. R. Harrawood, J. A. Bixler, and R. E. Worley from Tennessee. These ministers favored us with good timely messages which were an uplift to all. A good Bible study was enjoyed each afternoon throughout the camp meeting by Brother Harrawood. He was our evangelist and brought soul-stirring messages from night to night. Several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. God really blessed our altar services. Early morning prayer meetings were led by Spirit-filled men and women. Showers upon showers of blessings fell every morning.

We received \$100.51 for the orphans, besides quilts and other things valued at \$48.55. Our mission offering more than doubled over last year. It was \$512.53. Surely we can see our people have a real missionary spirit. We felt honored in having Brother and Sister Cook and their son, missionaries to India, with us. We enjoyed their good talks. We were glad to have Sister Clara Mullikin, an old faithful warrior of the gospel, with us. Under the Holy Ghost anointing she gave her testimony of how God raised her up from her bed of afflictions.

Friday night the young people had a glorious service led by Russell Bonneville, the state Y. P. E. president. Many good solos, duets and trios were rendered, followed by a good message from Brother Painter, which was enjoyed by all. We enjoyed the good singing by Sister Marine and Joe Milligan, the Cambridge quartet, the Abbot quartet, Brother Worley and

many others. We were also glad to have Brother and Sister Waters, the Burnett sisters and Zeno Tharp, Jr., of Sevierville, Tenn. Their specials in duets, trios and quartets were surely enjoyed by all. They also took charge of the kitchen. We were blessed with well-seasoned and well-balanced meals. They truly won the hearts of the Maryland people.

Our attendance was such that we must build another large dormitory to accommodate the people. We expressed our love and gratitude to our beloved overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan. He has won the hearts of the Maryland people. The ministers have all worked faithfully with him to make this the best camp meeting and convention that Maryland has ever had.—Mrs. R. F. Koshewitz and Thelma Mullikin, clerks.

New England States Convention

The New England States convention convened at Appleton, Me., August 30-September 2, with Brother G. M. Bloomingdale in charge.

The first service was a program put on by the Maine Music and Bible School, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Much has been accomplished during the eight weeks of the school.

I rejoice to say the convention was a glorious success. From the beginning to the end the sweet presence of the Lord could be felt and at times floods of glory seemed to be turned loose on us. I am happy now as I think of how God blessed and encouraged this band of workers who have gone through the ice and snow and other hardships and kept the blood-stained banner waving high on the firing line in the great Northeast. Oh, glory to God! I feel there are even greater victories ahead. We were fortunate in having Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer of West Virginia, and his wife and son with us and their soul-stirring, Holy-Ghost-filled messages were certainly an inspiration to all.

Other speakers on the program were: Sister Emma Newman, Brother A. S. Ruark, Sister Florida Brown, Brother Joel Brown, Brother L. W. Sisk, Brother P. D. Hoggatt, Brother George Rix, and Brother Stanley Pinkham. All these sermons were wonderful and each one just seemed to lift us higher and higher into greater spiritual blessings.

The singing and music was glorious and seemed to draw us heavenward and made us feel like traveling on with Jesus. There was a wonderful spirit of unity which prevailed among the people and

God honored it with blessings. A mission offering was taken which amounted to approximately \$200.00. Well, I can truthfully say that the days spent in this convention go down in the records of my memory as some of the happiest days of my life.

Our state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister Bloomingdale, have surely labored hard and sacrificed much for the work in the New England States this year. This is a hard field and only those who have labored here know how hard it is. There has been a shortage of ministers and workers in this part of God's vineyard, which has made it harder for the state overseer, but God has blessed his efforts. We are praying that God will send more laborers into the great harvest fields of New England.—J. T. Murray, Kingman, Me.

Report of Sunday School and Y. P. E. Convention

Dear Evangel readers, here comes some more good news from the Pacific Northwest. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened in the little town of Snowqualmie, Washington, which is near the foot of Mt. Si, a large mountain peak which looms up in the elements.

Words fail me in trying to express the glory and power of God that came down in our midst. The visiting delegates were met with a hearty "God bless you." Our beloved state overseer, Brother J. B. Camp, was in charge of the convention and was surely at his best.

The services were started at 7:45 p. m. Friday, Aug. 23. Sister Duncan was in charge of the song service, and oh, such singing! There was shouting, crying, and dancing in the Spirit. No wonder, for we had met to give God the glory. Then we had concert prayer and Brother Camp opened the convention with a Scripture reading. The welcome address was given by Sister Alma Hewe, leader of the local church. We were surely made to feel welcome, for where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. Amen. We were so glad that God made it possible that we could have with us Brother Keil and his family and some of the good folks from the Church of God in Winchester, Idaho, of which he is the pastor. Brother Keil brought the evening message and we are still rejoicing over the good things he brought to us.

Saturday morning service began with much prayer and sincerity, and the precious Holy Ghost was there to mellow our hearts and get us tuned in right for the day. Oh glory! I still have a touch of it in my soul. God was there. The morning message was brought by Brother Kenneth Allen whom we love in the ministry. His thought was "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus." Before he got through
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Bible School

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OUR GLORY

B. T. S. Is Getting a Library—Books Are Coming In

BY ZENO C. THARP

The school has been in dire need of an adequate library. Mention has been made of this at different times; but no substantial results have been attained. NOW we believe that the LIBRARY SPIRIT has come with real earnestness.

Since receiving the three hundred and seventy-five volumes from Mr. Atchley as a token of appreciation to the Bible Training School, we have reports from others who are expecting to give books. One man in West Virginia reports that he has one hundred volumes; a lady in Ohio has written that she has sixty-five volumes; a man in Ohio has a number of volumes, and I believe that there are enough idle books lying on our shelves to fill our library.

The state requirement for our school is eight thousand volumes. That is a large number of books; but we have a great many people who have many books.

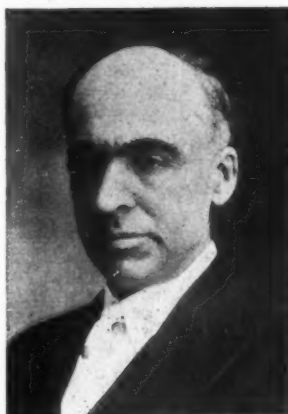
Some will ask, "Well, what kind of books do you want?" The answer is, We need all kinds of books that our people would have in their homes. Of course, there are certain requirements by the State Board and we must have a certain percentage of religious books, of historical books, of physical science books, of social books, of economic books, of literary books, and the like, as well as encyclopedias and dictionaries.

After we get a supply of books, we can classify them and put forth a special effort to secure the various kinds which we particularly need. But at the present time WE NEED AND WANT BOOKS, reading books. Students taking subjects are required to do so much reading each day on that subject.

THOUSANDS of you will be coming to the Assembly in a few days. Bring those books with you which you have read and laid aside never to read again.

A BOOK SERVICE

There will be a special time in the As-



Mr. Atchley has long been a resident of Sevierville and is one of the Bible School's best and greatest friends. He is the first to contribute in a large way to the school library. Up to the present time, he has donated three hundred and seventy-five volumes.

sembly to bring in your books or to make contributions to the School Library. We need seven thousand five hundred books. If EVERYBODY that comes to the Assembly would just bring one book, it would almost supply our need. Of course there will be many who have no books so if those who have some will bring several volumes, it will be sufficient.

If you have books and can not bring them to the Assembly, mail them to the Bible Training School; we will pay the postage, unless you wish to furnish it with the books.

SCHOOL BEGINS

The next day after the Assembly. Hundreds are making preparations to come. Improvements are being made to take care of extra students. Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity. Now is the time for parents to do all they can for their children, in sending them to a religious school where they will receive

spiritual training which they will need in the next few years that will be filled with such uncertainty. We receive many letters from parents expressing their regret that they did not send their son or daughter to the school when they were anxious to go; but it is too late now.

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A SPECIAL booth will be set up at the Assembly where you may receive Bible Training School information; but it would pay you to have your room reserved before that late hour. Rooms in the dormitories, especially in the ladies' dormitory, are being filled rapidly.

Great Revival at Birchwood, Tenn.

The Church of God and community at Birchwood are still praising God for the wonderful revival conducted by Brother A. J. Swift of South Cleveland, Tenn., there being nineteen saved, seventeen sanctified and fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost. This meeting was conducted under the large state tent which would nothing like hold the large crowds that attended. In fact, we believe there were the largest crowds we ever saw in Birchwood. Brother Swift preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

The good people of Earls Grove, Grasshopper and South Cleveland came together with us and the unity that prevailed was wonderful. We appreciate the good music, quartets, trios and old time holiness preaching. Brother Swift and all you other good helpers, we're hoping you can come back soon for another revival. —Mrs. Nola Lewis, clerk.

CHAVIES, Ky.—Brother Ance Frost has just closed a few days' meeting. He really sowed some good seed. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We were more than glad to have Brother Frost with us as it seems hard for us to get a revival.

Pray for us, we desire to serve the Lord. —Mrs. Bert Dunaway.

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REQUESTS

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gis, Crab Orchard, W. Va.

Revival at Oakhill church; our revival.

—H. S. Smith, pastor, Beckley, W. Va.

Our revival; the healing of my body.—Lora Dowd, Cobbtown, Ga.

My unsaved children; me. — Annie Player, 937 9th St., Lancaster, S. C.

God to heal my body, D. V.; me to get closer to the Lord and be an overcomer; my husband to be saved; a very special unspoken request.—Sister Louise Long, 1443 14th St., Lancaster, S. C.

Me; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Rt. 2, Box 168, Tyronza, Ark.

Me to grow stronger in the Lord and be an overcomer.—Bessie Austin, Albany, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. R. G. Gillette, 575 Osceola, Jacksonville, Fla.

Me to be a complete overcomer; my afflicted body to be healed; my needs to be supplied. My mother was buried recently so pray that God will take away the loneliness and bless me to get among the saints.—H. M. Spurling, Tiff, Mo.

Our home; my loved ones to be saved; the church in Imperial, Calif.; two special unspoken requests.—Mrs. G. L. Duggins, Box.

Very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Lee Robertson, Rt. 1, Box 45, Great Falls, S. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; a good revival here.—Cora McCoy, N. Matewan, W. Va.

Editorials

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that's all." But the young professor couldn't rest with that. One day he procured a can of Sanka coffee and read about on the label until he came to the inscription that had inspired his nickname. It read, "97% of the active principle has been removed from the contents." So we conclude that after all one name is not as good as another, and the minister of God wishes to acquire a good name, not a name that will signify that his active principles have been removed, but rather that he has great principles, principles that are active and principles that produce results.

Report of S. S. and Y. P. E. Conv'n.

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many felt their need of sitting at the feet of Jesus, just as Mary of Bethany. At the close of his message we were directed down to a little park where they had so carefully and abundantly prepared a blessing for the temporal man. There was such good eats and such Christian love and hospitality, it will long be remembered.

After noon there was a report of the

churches, and, glad to say, there was a nice gain over last year. Sister Duncan spoke in behalf the L. W. W. B. and many good things were said. The evening message was brought by Brother Stubblefield of Idaho, his subject was "The Coming of the Lord." Surely we were made to feel that it is near. The Lord set His approval on the message with a message in tongues and the interpretation, which brought weeping and praying from the congregation. A few months ago this town was made to realize that the coming of the Lord is near for it was mightily shaken by an earthquake. Our state overseer was in it. He told me that it seemed to him someone took the house and shoved it back and forth, then just reversed and went the other way with it, then it rose up and down a time or two just like it was fixing to leave here, then settled back down.

Special singing was rendered by the following: Brothers Earl and Harold Camp, Brother and Sister Bowman of the local church, Sister Hewe and Sister Einsfelt of Salem, Oregon, wife and I, Sister Viola Laws of Winchester, and Sister Jackson, of Silverton, Oregon, and she received the Holy Ghost in the convention. What a blessed experience! God gave her a call into the ministry. Oh! how we need more laborers in the great Pacific Northwest. The harvest is ripe. Special songs were also rendered by Brothers Paul, John, and Allen Keil, Sisters Helen and Esther Edwardson, and the outstanding feature of the singing was the quartet made up of Brother and Sister Camp and Brother and Sister Stubblefield, singing "I Want to Talk It All Over With Him."

Sunday morning Brother C a m p brought us a message that just filled our souls with great love, "The Final Analysis of God's Word." Oh! his message was so touching there was many crying before he finished. Dinner was spread on the outside of the church and the temporal man was fed again. The good entertainment was greatly enjoyed, had to rent only one or two places to keep people, and an offering was taken to cover that.

The evening message was brought by the writer on "The Need of the Holy Ghost." Two received the same experience that night bringing the number up to three. God gave us a nice mission offering of \$31.00 and an orphanage offering of \$5.35. Also, five united with the Church. The Church of God is growing in this part of the country. Please send us back our same state overseer. We all love him and he has the work at heart. God help us to remain true to him.—Alex J. Duncan, state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E., Box 106, Wapato, Washington.

Truth can never live where error is harbored or condoned or respected.

The Rapture of the Church

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7:1-8; 9:4 just before the catching up of the manchild in 12:5. They are next seen in heaven "before the throne" in Rev. 14:1-5. Therefore, they must have been caught up as the manchild when the woman or the main body of Israel fled into the wilderness. Matt. 24:15-22; Isa. 16:1-5; Psa. 60:6-12; Ezek. 20:33-44; Dan. 11:40-42; Hos. 2:14-23. Since the manchild could not represent the Church, and since the elders representing the raptured saints are seen in heaven all through chapters 4-19, the Church must be caught up at Rev. 4:1.

8. In Luke 21:34-36 we have the promise of Jesus that some would be "accounted worthy" to escape "all these things (of Matt. 24-25; Luke 21), that shall come to pass and stand before the son of man." Since these "things" of Matthew and Luke can only be rightly understood in connection with Rev. 6-19; and since these things of Rev. 4-19 were to happen "after the churches," the Church saints must be worthy ones who escape at the beginning of Rev. 4.

9. There is no time element in connection with the rapture of the Church as there is in connection with the rapture of the manchild. If there is, and this time is in the middle of the seventieth week as the manchild, then let us be consistent and quit looking for the rapture of the Church before the rise of the antichrist at the beginning of this week and before the fulfillment of the events of this week as recorded in Rev. 4-19. If the Church goes through the things of Rev. 1:1-12:4, then it will not escape "all these things" as taught in Luke 21:34-36; Rev. 1:19; 4:1. Then, too, Paul's teaching of the hinderer being taken out before the revelation of the antichrist would be erroneous. But once we understand the rapture can take place any time from now to the revelation of antichrist, we can conscientiously teach people to prepare for the rapture at any time. The only place for the rapture then would be before Rev. 4-22 was fulfilled, or at Rev. 4:1.

10. In 1 Thess. 5:1-11 we have another definite promise assuring the saints that they shall escape the "wrath" that precedes "the day of the Lord," or the second advent. This wrath is revealed in Matt. 24-25; Luke 21; Rev. 6:1-19:21 and is fulfilled during Daniel's seventieth week. If the saints escape this wrath, the Church must be raptured before it, or at Rev. 4:1.

11. The whole Church age is parenthetical and comes between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks of Dan. 9:24-27. The seventieth week concerns "thy people (Israel) and thy holy city (Jerusalem)" just as did the first sixty-nine weeks. The purpose is to deal with Israel

during this tribulation period to break them and bring them to repentance. In order to do this He takes the "hinderer of lawlessness" out of the world so the saints will escape all the terrible things that are necessary to come upon Israel to accomplish this. There is no reason why the saints should go through this, but it is necessary for Israel, to finish the six things of Dan. 9:24. This parenthetical aspect of the Church age is required in the many scriptures in the above points and the one which follows.

12. In 2 Thess. 2:1-8 we have conclusive proof that the Church will be raptured preceding Daniel's seventieth week, the revelation of antichrist at the beginning of this week, and before the fulfillment of Rev. 4-22. "And now ye (Thessalonians) know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity (spirit of lawlessness) doth already work: only he who now letteth (hindereth, as in Isa. 43:13; Rom. 1:3), will let (hinder) until he be taken out of the way. And then (not before) shall that Wicked be revealed." If we can prove that "he who now hindereth" is the Church, then we have definite and conclusive proof that the Church goes before the revelation of antichrist and the seventieth week.

What besides governments, the Church and the Holy Spirit in the world today is hindering the spirit of lawlessness and preventing the revelation of antichrist? There is nothing, so this "hinderer" must be one of these. Governments will not be taken out of the world. The Holy Spirit will not be taken out of the world as proved in Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21; Zech. 12:10; John 14:16; Rev. 7:9-17; 12:10-12; 15:2-4, etc. (Note the tribulation setting of these passages.) The wonders and signs of Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32 have not been fulfilled and will not be until the tribulation. The national repentance of Israel as in Zech. 12:10-13:1 has not been fulfilled and will not be until the last three and one-half years of the tribulation. The multitudes mentioned as saved in the other references will not be saved until the tribulation period. We maintain that no person ever was or ever will be saved without the ministry of the Spirit, the Word and the blood of Christ, so if people are going to be saved during the tribulation they must be saved as men are today. John 3:3-5; 16:7-11; Rom. 8: Eph. 2:1-9, 18; 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:7-9.

Since governments and the Spirit are herein the tribulation, it follows by the logic of elimination that the Church is the hindrance referred to. That hindrance will be withdrawn for the simple reason that the Church will be raptured. Then, and then only, will the man of sin be

revealed. The tribulation on earth would not affect the Spirit, so why should He be removed and leave the multitudes who were not ready for the rapture to go through the tribulation without any source of help or salvation?

The pronoun "he" in this passage can refer to the Church as well as to the Spirit, for the Church is spoken of as a "man" in Eph. 2:15; 4:13. The Church is a man because it is "the body of Christ" who is a man. 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27; Eph. 1:20-23; 2:14-22; 4:12-16; Col. 1:18-24. Therefore, in view of the fact that the Holy Spirit is not to be taken out of the world; that the Church is called a "man" and can be referred to in the masculine gender; that the Church is to be raptured; that the Church is the only thing that could be the hinderer referred to; and that antichrist is revealed at the beginning of the seventieth week (Dan. 9:27), we conclude that the Church will be raptured at Rev. 4:1 before the tribulation and the revelation of the antichrist at the beginning of the week.

Parable of a Holiness Man

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ship in all local church work and services.

He has given all his life to God; and no clouds of doubt or fear overshadow his mind. When he studies, his mind is alert to grasp the subject; when he works his mind and body are alert to do the task assigned him. Perhaps his employer does not like his religion, but he likes his work, and so every day he is more convinced that it is well to serve the Lord. He is honest, sincere, and has the love of God in his heart, so it is his nature to be considerate of others. The Lord blesses him physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially. If he has a dollar only, and he thinks the Lord needs it in His work, he gives it willingly, anxiously, and without grudging, and the Lord restores it four-fold.

He is not afraid to trust his body in the hand of the Lord. He belongs to Him, and if He wishes to take him, he

has no right to wish to stay. He is not afraid to trust the Lord in a financial strait. He remembers Job, and he has no desire to be something that the Lord does not will. He has no desire to be like the world; he belongs to the Lord and wishes only to please Him.

Some people call him a fool, a fanatic, a waster, an extremist, an eccentric, and many other trivial names, they are only proof to him that he is traveling the beaten path to Glory. The Lord looks down from Heaven; beholds, and notes are made in the book of remembrance.

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